# **QUARTERLY ISSUES**

AND

# PROGRAMS REPORT

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# PROBLEMS AND NEEDS

# **OVERVIEW**

Based on WNEM's ascertainment of community leaders and from data gathered from community organizations, then highest ranking problems and needs of the Bay City/Flint/Midland and Saginaw markets are:

- 1. Job Market
- 2. Economy/Business
- 3. Crime
- 4. Politics
- 5. Health
- 6. Safety
- 7. Weather
- 8. Veterans/Soldiers/Middle East War
- 9. Sex Offenders/Predators
- 10. School/Campus Security

### ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

# **OVERVIEW**

The following is the quarterly "Issues and Programs" Report placed in the public file of WNEM at the open of business day January 10, 2013. The report covers the period from October 1 through December 31, 2012. The report is based on ten significant problems and needs determined by WNEM's community ascertainments. Below each problem/need is a brief description of some news segments broadcast during the quarter designed to call attention to, or address, the problem or need.

# WNEM TV5 BAY CITY/FLINT/MIDLAND AND SAGINAW October 1 through December 31, 2012

ISSUE/TITLE/SOURCE

PROGRAM/TYPE

DATE/DURATION

#### 1. Job Market

5P LOC/NEWS 10/24/12 1:23
Dow Chemical Company announced it is cutting 2,400 jobs, which is 5 percent of its global workforce. Twenty plants will be closed, but locally no specific word on how many local jobs are eliminated. Dow's latest earnings release indicated profits fell nearly 40 percent.

11P LOC/NEWS 10/24/12 :40

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More information surfaces after Dow Chemical Company announces that globally they are closing 20 plants, and eliminating 2,400 jobs. Locally, seventeen workers at a Midland facility will be moved to other plants rather than be laid off. But some non-union workers could be included in the initial 2,400 jobs lost estimate.

6P LOC/NEWS 10/31/12 :27

Dow Chemical Company's CEO speaks to a national audience on CNBC to discuss the lay-offs made by his company recently. He talked about various options to control costs in order to combat "slow world growth."

6P LOC/NEWS 11/9/12 1:26

Local companies are recognized for their hard work and commitment to the community today at an awards luncheon. Businesses honored included a local hair salon and an electric cart company which patented the "Amigo."

5P LOC/NEWS 11/16/12 1:27

The makers of "Twinkies" close their doors after being unable to resolve differences with striking workers. This has caused a brisk business today at a local Hostess outlet store. The most famous snack is already hard to find in Saginaw County and the outlet store closes once their baked goods are gone.

6P LOC/NEWS 11/29/12 :39

Today about 300 citizens flooded the Capitol Building in Lansing today to lobby against the "Right to Work" legislation. House Republicans did not introduce the measure, and Governor Snyder has called it "divisive."

6P LOC/NEWS 12/5/12 1:39

The City of Saginaw faces a budget deficit which they propose to balance with a proposal to join forces with the County's sheriff department. How many officers would be needed to implement the plan is under negotiation. Another factor to be considered is that current police officers may not wish to take the pay cut which comes with the proposed merger.

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6P LOC/NEWS 12/10/12 1:01

Opponents of Right-to-Work gear up for a historic day of protests at the State Capitol in Lansing. Tomorrow Governor Snyder is expected to sign that legislation, but tonight protestors went to the governor's home, hoping to change his mind, singing Christmas carols outside, hoping to gain his attention.

5P LOC/NEWS 12/12/12 1:43

Protestors stood with tape over their mouths in front of Saginaw City Hall today. They say it symbolizes the silencing of the people of Michigan by the Governor and Republican lawmakers. A local labor lawyer insists it is the "right" choice for Michigan and workers, and that this legislation is not an attack on unions.

6P LOC/NEWS 12/13/12 1:57

The Governor explained in a private interview with TV5 his goals for the State of Michigan. They include an explanation of why he signed the Right-to-Work legislation recently. He noted the jobs which have been created in the last two years, and that the Bill gives cities, towns and school districts the flexibility they need to stay afloat.

## 2. Economy/Business

5P LOC/NEWS 10/11/12 1:42

Today, Flint City Council and residents toured the Flint Water Plant. That facility regularly needs upgrades and the City is now determining other options more cost effective, which will provide water, but lower costs. One option being contemplated is utilizing the Flint River.

6P LOC/NEWS 10/15/12 1:06

A local landmark in downtown Saginaw, the Bearinger Building, has been bought with hopes to restore it and house shops and offices. First stop for the new owners is to Saginaw City council requesting a tax break. The local couple invested most of their equity in the purchase of the building and say tax exemptions will help cover cost of renovations.

530P LOC/NEWS 10/22/12 1:19

Gas prices continue to drop with a 30-cent dip across the country. Local drivers are happy to be paying less. Analysts say the drop is partly due to the fall season, which comes with cooler temperatures and less road trips, making a smaller demand on fuel.

6P LOC/NEWS 10/23/12 :33

Some experts at a local business professionals gathering indicate Michigan's economy is doing better when compared to other states. They say Michigan is one of the fastest states recovering from the recession.

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5P LOC/NEWS 11/7/12 1:34

Voters have spoken and rejected all six of the state's proposals on the ballot, including Proposal One which would have given more power to emergency financial managers. The Flint mayor says residents won't notice a change in city business but he is preparing for legal challenges.

11P LOC/NEWS 11/9/12 1:30

The historic Mill End store in downtown Bay City was demolished today, signaling the end of an era, but also a new beginning to property near the Saginaw River. A new multi-million dollar development is slated for the corner housing retails space and lofts. Local residents reminisce about the dry goods sold at the Mill End store.

11P LOC/NEWS 11/13/12 1:24

Opening day for Firearms Season in Michigan is in two days, with preparations underway by deer hunters. Business is brisk at area sporting goods stores, although one owner says his business is always good, because hunting is such a big pastime in Michigan.

11P LOC/NEWS 12/13/12 1:29

Flushing Township voted tonight to continue using Genesee County's Sheriff Department to patrol their streets, at least for another three months. Some residents say the contractual move has also been good for local business, because the Sheriff's Department includes medical assistance and vehicle maintenance needed. It has been nearly a year since Flushing Township eliminated their police force.

6P LOC/NEWS 12/14/12 1:50

Nexteer announced today that it plans to invest 70 million dollars into their Saginaw operations, and add 325 jobs. Project is expected to give a big boost to local economy. Last fall, Nexteer announced plans for a \$150 million investment, which resulted in more than 1,000 jobs at the Buena Vista site.

530P LOC/NEWS 12/21/12 1:40

Lawmakers head home for Christmas, without a deal to stop the automatic tax hikes and spending cuts set to kick in January 1. Disagreements over how much to raise taxes and cut spending continue to separate Democrats and Republicans. Both sides insist they are committed to stopping the big tax hike coming at the end of the year.

#### 3. Crime

11P LOC/NEWS 10/10/12 1:19

At least 10 vehicles, parked at different locations in Saginaw Township, were ransacked after owners left their cars unlocked. Police say that many of these cars are parked close to homes, which is riskier for thieves to break into, and makes residents less diligent locking doors.

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11P LOC/NEWS 10/11/12 2:15

A local Buena Vista police officer is convicted of murder in less than two hours by a jury. The man was charged with murdering his pregnant girlfriend last August 30. Prosecutors called the victim their best witness, as they said she fought back, providing crucial DNA for their case.

11P LOC/NEWS 10/23/12 1:30

A local Gladwin man says someone else is using his name got his personal information and opened many bank accounts, took out credit cards, and started spending money, the Gladwin man never had. The victim had no idea it was happening until banks demanded overdraft repayment, and collection agencies began calling. He is waiting to hear from the Federal Trade Commission, who deals with identity theft.

14P LOC/NEWS 10/31/12 1:30

A 92-year-old man is shot in his own doorway in broad daylight. Investigators have little information, and hope neighbors may have seen something. The man's granddaughter was also home, but was not hurt. She looked outside to see a dark-colored car with tinted windows.

11P LOC/NEWS 11/2/12 1:24

Police in Flushing say they've arrested two men suspected of robbing multiple banks. Before the men were arrested, however, they led police on a chase all caught by the dash camera. Once the car chase ended, a foot chase ensued, but the men were eventually apprehended. The arrest was an example of teamwork between area police agencies.

6P LOC/NEWS 11/14/12 1:36

Flint Police investigate the city's latest homicide which marks the 62<sup>nd</sup> death in Flint this year, making that number the second highest the city has ever seen. One particular zip code was the deadliest with 20 homicides in that vicinity, and a second zip code showing 18 homicides.

5P LOC/NEWS 11/27/12 1:30

The State Attorney General closed a Burton business saying illegal gambling was occurring there. The owner says most people who gambled there, received their winnings immediately. Many neighbors declined on-camera interviews, but said they were happy the business was closed, saying it brought the wrong kind of elements to their neighborhoods.

5P LOC/NEWS 12/5/12 1:26

A Central Michigan University student is accused of trying to poison her roommate by adding bleach to her tea. The incident started over an argument about dirty dishes. The victim is going to be all right.

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11P LOC/NEWS 12/14/12 1:45

Parents and children ran from the Sandy Hook Elementary School, where 27 people inside were shot to death—20 of them children. Police say the 20-year-old gunman killed his mother in their home, and then drove her car to the school, where she worked as a teacher. He killed students in two classrooms before he turned the gun on himself.

11P LOC/NEWS 12/23/12 1:07

A Saginaw neighborhood swarmed with police after gunshots rang out on Bethany Street. Police found a 16-year-old male dead from gunshot wounds, on the sidewalk. That incident brings the homicide count in Saginaw to 26 for the year.

#### 4. Politics

11P NAT/NEWS 10/11/12 1:40

Tonight the vice presidential candidates face of in their first and only debate. While this debate does not impact the election, it does tighten the race, with it being a big night for both candidates. Biden is under pressure to perform well and slow down Romney momentum.

11P NAT/NEWS 10/16/12 1:30

President Obama and Mitt Romney debate tonight in a town hall style meeting. Members of the audience, who were undecided votes, asked questions directly to the Obama and Romney.

11P LOC/NEWS 10/26/12 1:30

The election is just 11 days away and recent polls show President Obama and Governor Romney are close. This means just a few votes could determine the outcome of this year's race. The local chapter of Saginaw NAACP is investigating whether a local employer told his employees who to vote for or risk taking a hit in their wallet.

11P LOC/NEWS 11/5/12 1:30

Both President Obama and Mitt Romney campaigned today in crucial swing states. Multiple campaign events were held around mid-Michigan, hoping to energize voters. Mr. Romney's sons made appearances in Grand Blanc, while Senator Debbie Stabenow made a stop in Flint.

5P NAT/NEWS 11/7/12 1:20

Not long after President Obama learned he won the presidential election, he began making calls to Congressional leaders. The election showed a country split down the middle, and both sides talking compromise, which they will have to do by year end to avoid the fiscal cliff which looms.

5P NAT/NEWS 11/14/12 1:35

In his first news conference since his election, President Obama's topics of discussion included the "fiscal cliff" and the CIA scandal. He is calling on Congress to extend tax cuts for middle class Americans, and let them expire for those making more than \$250,000. Republicans say raising taxes is not the answer. Both parties support immigration reform.

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Today President Obama stopped at a diesel motor plant in Wayne County, discussing two topics. He voiced his opinion on right-to-work laws, and his plan for a tax overhaul. The president drew the biggest response from the crowd when he told them that the right-to-work bills weren't good for them, the auto industry, or the state. Tomorrow Governor Snyder is expected to sign a Right-to-Work package into law.

5P LOC/NEWS 12/11/12 1:40

A proposed replacement for the emergency manager law was approved today by a State House Committee and is now moving forward. The committee voted along party lines. The house bill is over 60 pages long, and Flint City hall is trying to determine how it will affect them.

11P LOC/NEWS 12/19/12 1:00

Today President Obama announced the formation of a task force, headed by Vice President Joe Biden, to look at current gun laws and what can be done to possibly prevent future tragedies, like the one which occurred December 14 in Newtown, Connecticut.

#### 5. Health

6P LOC/NEWS 10/10/12 1:56

Michigan State health officials reported 25 cases of fungal meningitis, linked to tainted steroid injections. That number has jumped to 29, including 3 deaths, one of which is a 56-year-old Genesee County woman. The drug blamed for the outbreak was shipped to four Michigan facilities, including one in Grand Blanc.

6P LOC/NEWS 10/17/12 1:45

The same company responsible for tainted steroids shipped to Michigan may also be connected to other contaminated drugs. Federal investigators say the New England Compounding Center may have shipped a wider variety of contaminated injections across the country. The Infection Prevention Coordinator from St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, continually updates the entire hospital staff which includes the emergency room personnel.

6P LOC/NEWS 10/23/12 :48

According to a family attorney, a Genesee County56-year-old woman died from complications stemming from fungal meningitis. The woman received a contaminated steroid injection, while being treated for chronic back pain. Her family is filing a lawsuit, joining three other Michigan residents who filed charges against the New England-based company.

6P LOC/NEWS 11/14/12 1:37

Michigan has until Friday to decide if a state-run health care exchange is a good fit for the state. The governor is behind it, the senate endorsed it, but it's stalled in the house. The Republican majority opposes the Health Care Act, or Obama care, and declined to vote before last week's election.

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6P LOC/NEWS 11/16/12 2:04

Christmas comes early for an 8-year-old boy battling cancer. Neighbors have put lights on their houses early this year for the child to enjoy, since he will probably not live until Christmas. Students went door-to-door asking folks to get out their decorations. The boy wasn't supposed to live past his seventh birthday, but he's still here battling the cancer which is now in his brain.

11P LOC/NEWS 11/17/12 1:30

An 8-year-old boy's wish to see Christmas before he dies is being honored by neighbors and businesses. Home Depot employees stopped by the family's home to decorate the home and yard for the child to see. A limousine arrived to drive the family around the neighborhood. His mom says he's enjoying this early Christmas present.

6P LOC/NEWS 11/21/12 5:16

A local woman's life changed directions when her mother died from lung cancer. She promised her mother to take better care of herself, and now heads a successful exercise business in the area. The woman gained weight in her teens, but after her mother died, she began exercising, and eating better. She switched majors in college from education to exercise sciences and the end result is her current business.

6P LOC/NEWS 12/1/12 1:42

Today a community said good-by to an 8-year-old boy who finally lost his battle with cancer. Hundreds of parents, friends and fellow cub scouts filled a Lutheran church in Midland today for an emotional good bye. Jayden's family plans to keep his memory alive by giving to others, since he gave so much joy to everyone else.

11P LOC/NEWS 12/12/12 1:37

Two weeks after an 8-year-old boy dies from brain cancer, his family celebrates his birthday. They sang and brought birthday candles to him, as hundreds of paper lanterns were released into the night sky. Family, friends, classmates and strangers gathered in the parking lot of a Lutheran church to participate in the lantern launch for the child.

6P LOC/NEWS 12/19/12 1:34

People across mid-Michigan are honoring an 8-year-old boy who recently died from brain cancer. Donations are being made to local charities in his name, strangers picking up the tab for others, and even a diamond ring put into the bell ringer's bucket at one local store. The boy lost his battle with cancer a few weeks ago, but his spirit lives on thanks to the acts of kindness which continue in the Midland area.

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#### 6. Safety

530P LOC/NEWS 10/11/12 1:21

After seeing dozens of fires set across the city years ago, a local woman began organizing neighborhood watch groups to come together on Devil's Night to guard their communities and prevent mayhem from happening again. She says six years ago there were over 50 fires on Devil's Night, and last year they had one fire.

6P LOC/NEWS 10/22/12 :50

A Bay City Central student died over the weekend on I-96 near Grand Rapids. The girl was two days away from her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday. Today counselors were on hand at Bay City Central High School to help students.

11P LOC/NEWS 10/31/12 1:10

Trick or treaters are home safe for the night, and volunteers are still making sure Halloween wraps up quietly. The Blue Badge Volunteer Corps goal last night was to keep an eye on suspicious activity to prevent arson in the city. Tonight, in Flint, the volunteers made it a mission to keep an eye on children and their families enjoying Halloween.

11P LOC/NEWS 11/7/12 1:18

Nearly three months after the Saginaw County sheriff said he was not interested in taking over patrols for the City of Saginaw, the city is back with a plan of its own. The City's Assistant City Manager offered up a counter proposal, saying the city could afford to pay for 80 officers. The Sheriff says that simply won't work. County Commissioners say before they make their next move, they are going to need more facts.

11P LOC/NEWS 11/8/12 1:45

An Iosco County resident says his home burned down because he had to wait for the fire department assigned to his neighborhood to get there. He says there is another department close by, but he is not part of their jurisdiction. The township supervisor says the decision on which department to use was based on money, but the recent fire raises the question whether it is worth saving money to risk lives.

6P LOC/NEWS 11/12/12 1:35

An Albee Township fire department says they desperately need a new pumper truck, but three times in a row residents have voted down the money to pay for the vehicle. Residents narrowly defeated the measure during last Tuesday's election. Township officials meet tomorrow to discuss the situation.

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6P LOC/NEWS 12/14/12 :26

In the wake of shootings, Governor Snyder plans to carefully review the gun bill before he signs it. If the bill is signed, concealed guns will be allowed at school. With some conditions, you would need double the training you already have and an exemption from the sheriff.

6P LOC/NEWS 12/18/12 1:59

Today Governor Snyder vetoed Senate Bill 59, a piece of legislation that would have allowed concealed weapons in public schools, if the gun owner took extra training. The governor said he was most concerned the bill wouldn't have allowed schools or other public-owned property to ban concealed weapons.

11P LOC/NEWS 12/21/12 1:30

Today the National Rifle Association said violence in video games and movies is partly to blame for creating a culture of violence in the nation. They believe armed police in every school is the answer to stop mass shootings, like the one last week at an elementary school in Connecticut. President Obama has made Vice President Biden head of a task force to development recommendations for better gun legislation.

#### 7. Weather

11P NAT/NEWS 10/28/12 1:27

Hurricane Sandy is threatening to bring coastal flooding, high winds, torrential rains and snow to an 800-mile area ranging from Virginia to Massachusetts. Because of the threat of a deadly storm surge, officials have ordered tens of thousands of people in low lying areas along the coast to evacuate.

530P LOC/NEWS 10/29/12 1:41

The Genesee-Lapeer Chapter of the Red Cross discusses the storm conditions in mid-Michigan. Concern is there will be widespread power outages locally, with a portion of manpower on the East Coast resolving problems there making area repairs to power outages slower. Advice given is for the public to prepare as if they were going to be without power.

6P LOC/NEWS 10/30/12 1:30

Huron County bore the brunt of Superstorm Sandy here in Michigan. High winds make driving conditions hazardous and caused power poles to snap. Waves crashed against the shoreline, with such ferocity, residents came to the lake shore to watch Mother Nature at her fiercest. Thousands of people in that county are without power.

6P LOC/NEWS 11/7/12 1:22

A Saginaw business owner donates a winter's worth of plow services to the families of two active service members in the area. The company offers their services as a way to say thank you to the two families whose loved ones are currently in active military duty serving their country.

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#### LOC/NEWS

11/9/12

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A Linwood woman wants to fill a truck full of food and necessities, to take to the victims of Hurricane Sandy on the east coast. She wants to help those afflicted by the storm, because she has her own family safe and sound here in Michigan. She is hoping local citizens will step forward and help her fill the truck.

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#### LOC/NEWS

11/24/12

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Millions of Americans on the east coast still need help one month after Super Storm Sandy hit that area. A Gladwin man is working with his fellow parishioners to gather enough donations to send to survivors of the east coast storm. Various drives are planned to collect basic items.

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#### LOC/NEWS

12/8/12

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The weather is to blame for hundreds of vehicles sliding off roadways in the Saginaw, Bay and Midland area today. Rain and snow falling early in the morning created a tricky commute fo and police advise drivers to slow down and be cautious.

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#### LOC/NEWS

12/11/12

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The Hampton Potato Growers surprised the City Rescue Mission with 1,300 pounds of potatoes today. Farmers say this year, in particular was a challenging grow year. In spite of setbacks by Mother Nature, they still wished to help the mission, who says they are very grateful for the gift.

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#### NAT/NEWS

12/19/12

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The first major snow storm of the season is hitting 16 states in the Midwest. Snow plows attempt to keep roads clear, but a blizzard has forced the shutdown of a major highway because of blinding conditions. There are delays and cancellations at dozens of airports.

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#### LOC/NEWS

12/20/12

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Area Michigan residents have not had to deal with too much ice and snow yet this winter, but that may change this Friday. The rain has been coming down all evening and there may be ice on the roads by morning. There are 11,000 residents without power in Genesee County tonight. Interviews indicate weather does not appear to keep people from making holiday travel plans.

#### 8. Veterans/Middle East Wars

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#### LOC/NEWS

10/13/12

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A concert is held to raise money for soldiers who were hurt in combat. The church community wanted to honor service men and women past present. Others sing their praises in church or by a hearty round of applause. Veterans say it's only been the last 3 or 4 years that anyone has ever said thank you to them, for serving their country.

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6P LOC/NEWS 10/25/12 1:27

High school students in Saginaw County took time to clean up a veteran's home. One of the event leaders helped to start the project more than 10 years ago. The veteran was excited to receive a new flag to wave in his side yard. The group plans to replace worn, old American flags with new stars and stripes wherever needed.

11P LOC/NEWS 10/26/12 1:17

A veteran advocate says there are about 30 homeless veterans in Tuscola County. Money is being budgeted by the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation to rejuvenate a building that could shelter homeless veterans in the Akron/Fairgrove area.

6P LOC/NEWS 11/7/12 1:22

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5P LOC/NEWS 11/19/12 1:42

Hundreds of volunteers spent the day packing care packages to send to local troops stationed overseas. Organizers say the holidays are the most depressing times to be away from family. The Yellow Ribbon Guard wants to send packages to 1,300 area troops serving overseas during the holidays, helping to make their Christmas bright.

5P NAT/NEWS 11/20/12 1:30

A ceasefire may be getting closer between Israel and Hamas. If a long term solution can be put in place, through diplomatic means, then Israel would be a willing partner. President Obama is working with the Egyptian president who is leading ceasefire efforts, sending Secretary Clinton to meet with him.

6P LOC/NEWS 12/3/12 :36

A Midland funeral home is getting ready to send hundreds of stuffed stockings to troops overseas. Organizers say the gifts boost soldier morale during the holidays. The funeral home also takes old cell phones, recycles them, and turns them into free calling cards for soldiers.

5P LOC/NEWS 12/4/12 1:34

A Vassar soldier leaves behind a wife and child after dying from heart failure in Georgia. The army sergeant had been on three separate tours of duty in the Middle East and was currently stationed in Fort Benning, Georgia when he collapsed.

5P NAT/NEWS 12/14/12 1:10

The U.S. worries Syria may launch missile attacks against Turkey. The Pentagon is sending hundreds of soldiers to Turkey, to help protect the country. Turkey has condemned the current Syrian regime, and is providing shelter to many tens of thousands of refugees.

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#### 9. Sex Offenders/Predators

530P NAT/NEWS 10/18/12 1:30

The Boy Scouts of America releases almost 15,000 pages of its so called "perversion files." The documents contain the names of more than 1,200 scout leaders and volunteers accused of child sex abuse between 1965 and 1985. The organization is now a leader in preventing child abuse, and uses computer background checks on all volunteers.

11P LOC/NEWS 10/25/22 1:15

A child advocacy center is joined by other Midland County agencies vowing to fight the war against child abuse. A plan is being formulated between police, prosecutor and the mental health agency to streamline the process when an alleged child abuse case comes forward. The child would only have to tell the story once. It's all part of the new Midland County Multi-Disciplinary protocol set up by the Safe and Sound Child Advocacy Center.

5P LOC/NEWS 10/30/12 1:34

A dramatic turn of events in the husband and wife trials of a couple charged with alleged abuse of their then six-month-old daughter, and for possession of child porn. It was discovered neither prosecutor or defense attorney were aware of a search done at the couple's home by local police. At day's end, there is no verdict, only a promise the case will be re-tried by prosecution.

6P LOC/NEWS 11/2/12 1:20

A Midland woman goes missing early Halloween morning. Police say the man charged with her murder has been linked to a 1981 case where the same man spent 10 years in prison for stabbing a 17-year-old girl in Calhoun County. A woman missing in Kalamazoo County was another victim of the same man, who served time for manslaughter in that case.

5P LOC/NEWS 11/8/12 1:58

The man accused of murdering a Midland woman on October 31 is being ordered to undergo psychological and criminal evaluation. The man when apprehended was pastor of a local church. Outraged parishioners start an online petition hoping to expand Michigan's OTIS program. Currently once prisoners do their time their name is removed from the program.

11P LOC/NEWS 11/8/12 1:10

Police find child pornographer on the work computer of a Central Michigan University professor, who is now suspended. The man worked in the education and human services building. CMU says there is no indication anyone on campus was in danger, and are cooperating fully with the investigation.

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11P LOC/NEWS 11/11/12 1:30

A former Beaverton math teacher is accused of taking a photo of a partially clothed female student, and currently faces criminal charges. Parents attend a meeting tonight and are upset over the School Board disciplinary action towards three school administrators. One of them received a reprimand; the other two actually received letters of thanks for their cooperation in the case.

5P LOC/NEWS 11/20/12 1:30

A 58-year-old CMU professor was charged in federal court today, in Flint. Prosecutors say he had more than 5,500 pictures, and more than two dozen movies on his work and home computers.

6P LOC/NEWS 12/3/12 1:28

Police in Midland County investigate the murder of a 45-year-old woman in Midland County followed by the suicide of the suspect. They are taking a closer look at the internet activity between them, to determine what role it played in the woman's death. Right now there are many unanswered questions in the case.

530P LOC/NEWS 12/4/12 :27

Police investigate a sex crime involving two 5-year-old children inside a West Michigan elementary school. There is concern there are more victims and a special meeting is being held for parents this evening. An adult could face charges in the case.

11P LOC/NEWS 12/12/12 1:04

A 38-year-old science teacher at Rose City Middle School is accused of sexually abusing one of his students. The man is charged with three counts of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree, and other sex charges. Parents received an automated phone message today. The school district is working with Michigan State Police, as the investigation continues.

5P LOC/NEWS 12/15/12 :18

Officers say three boys sexually assaulted a girl at an alternative education school. The police report says two boys assaulted her and a third asked to have sex in a letter. The girl was threatened and told not to tell anyone.

#### 10. School/Campus

5P LOC/NEWS 10/17/12 1:39

Many residents in West Branch rallied around a teenage girl who fell victim to a high school homecoming prank. Now state lawmakers are honoring her bravery for standing up to those bullies. The girl was presented with a special tribute signed by Governor Snyder.

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6P LOC/NEWS 10/18/12 1:11

A high school teen appeared in court less than 24 hours after he allegedly made a bomb threat at Freeland High School. Prosecutors charged him with making the false threat, and using a computer to commit a felony. Police took his phone and searched his parents' home. The teen has been on probation before, and with the case pending, the judge has banned the teen from all computer use.

6P LOC/NEWS 10/22/12 :50

A Bay City Central high school girl died Saturday in a car accident near Grand Rapids. She was a passenger in a car her sister was driving. The sister tried to back up on the freeway after missing an exit, and that is when a truck hit them. Today counselors were on hand at the school to help students adjust to the news. The sister is currently hospitalized in Bay City.

6P LOC/NEWS 11/13/12 1:26

Students from a Saginaw school volunteer hard work for a good cause. The teens are from an alternative education school and part of their curriculum includes volunteer hours. Today they visit the Saginaw Children's Zoo to help spruce it up, and at the same time learn a valuable lesson in community service.

6P LOC/NEWS 11/20/12 1:45

A new proposal presented by Governor Snyder would drastically change the way public schools are funded. It includes removal of district ownership by schools, allowing students to attend any school district that accepts them. It allow students access to online classes from anywhere in the state, with that class getting state money, rather than the student's home district. It encourages year round attendance with a 180-day school year.

530P LOC/NEWS 11/29/12 :25

According to data compiled from districts some of the state's worst-performing schools gave favorable ratings to their teachers. In fact, 48 schools who ranked low academically, listed all of their teachers in the top two categories.

11P NAT/NEWS 12/14/12 1:30

A mass shooting at an elementary school in Connecticut hits close to home for parents in mid-Michigan, concerned for the safety of their own children. Some schools have plans in place, but parents need reassurance as to how secure their children's schools really are.

530P LOC/NEWS 12/17/12 1:35

The tragedy at an elementary school in Connecticut last week, where 20 young children were Shot to death has Saginaw Township school administrators getting together today for another look at their own school security. Both Saginaw Township police and Saginaw township school officials are glad that there is a liason officer working at the school, interacting with students on a daily basis.

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11P LOC/NEWS 12/21/12 1:30

After a gunman shot 20 children in an elementary school in Connecticut last week, everyone searches for ways to prevent something like that from ever happening again. The NRA finally spoke out today, pointing to violent video games as the culprit, and recommending every school have its own security officer. Parents express nervousness and concern for their children's safety, while school officials initiate tighter security measures to ease their fears.